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BIENNIAL CONVENTION, NATIONAL WOMAN'S PARTY

Hotel Roosevelt, 45th Street and Madison Avenue New York, November 13, 14, and 15th

Jane Norman Smith, Convention Chairman
Room 81, 542 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

CONVENTION! The mere word can be thrilling when its true meaning is understood. To come together as in one body; assemble. Not merely to meet, but to *collect*, to unite. Not an exclusion of differences of opinion but a cohesion of opinions. This particular Convention is so very important because it is to definitely decide on the most effective method of quickly attaining the desired end, Equality.

The passage of the Equal Rights Amendment during the next session of Congress is *earnestly desired*. To translate that desire into dynamic action that will achieve results, is our business now, today.

Registration of delegates will begin at 7:45 p. m. on Friday, November 13.

Florence Bayard Hilles of Delaware, devoted leader and National Chairman of the National Woman's Party, will call the convention to order at 10:00 a. m. on Saturday, November 14, at which time National Officers and Chairmen of National Standing Committees will report on the work.

The luncheon, in the Hendrik Hudson Room, will be presided over by Rebekah Scandrett Greathouse, Washington, D. C., Attorney-at-Law and National Secretary of the National Woman's Party. Mayor Fiorella La Guardia of New York City has been asked to welcome the delegates, and the speakers will include:—Clara Snell Wolfe, Ohio, Organization Chairman; Edith Houghton Hooker, Md., Member of the National Council; Mrs. John Rogers, N. Y., Member of National Council; and Anita Pollitzer, S. C., of the Congressional Committee.

At 2:30 p. m. a business session of the convention will be held and further reports given.

A reception to the delegates and guests will precede the banquet Saturday evening. Presiding over the banquet, Mrs. Florence Bayard Hilles will introduce the toastmistress, Laura M. Berrien, National Treasurer of the Woman's Party and member of the law firm of Matthews and Berrien, Washington, D. C.

Among those who have been invited to speak are, Senator Thomas C. Desmond, author of the bill introduced in the New York Assembly, providing for a minimum wage equally applicable to men and women; Burnita Shelton Matthews who filed the Brief with the Supreme Court, in the Minimum Wage case on behalf of the National Woman's Party and other women's organizations holding the equality viewpoint; Honorable Gail Laughlin, National Vice Chairman of the Woman's Party and member of the Maine Senate; Eudora Ramsay Richardson, author and feminist, whose recent book, "The Influence of Men—Incurable," is commanding much attention; Mrs. Emma Guffey Miller, Vice Chairman of the Democratic National Committee; Mrs. Worthington Scranton, Vice Chairman of the Republican National Committee; and Mrs. Izetta Jewel Miller of West Virginia, one of the Founders of the National Woman's Party.

The following morning, November 15, at 10:00 o'clock, the business session will be continued. Immediately following, a luncheon will be held with Industrial Equality as the topic. Mrs. Mary Murray of New York, National Chairman of the Industrial Council, will be toastmistress. Among the speakers will be Jane Norman Smith, New York, Chairman of the Committee on Economic Equality; Helen Robbins Bittermann, State Chairman of Ohio, who has taken an active part in the minimum wage question in her State.

Members are urged to make their reservations for luncheons and dinner, as soon as possible, through Mrs. Herbert L. Black, National Woman's Party Headquarters, 542 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

This Biennial Convention of the National Woman's Party will usher in the final, victorious stage of the American Feminist Movement. Our National Chairman urges all members of the Woman's Party to be present if it is possible to do so; that we may "renew our determination to carry our work to a speedy conclusion."

The following Convention committees have been appointed:

Nominations: Nina E. Allender, D. C., Chairman, Burnita Shelton Matthews, D. C., Dora Ogle, Md., Elsie Hill, Conn.

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Reception: Mrs. Robert Adamson, Nina E. Allender, Laura Berrien, Mrs. Marion T. Brockway, Mrs. Florence Bayard Hilles, Mrs. Lois Pierce Hughes, Marion May, Mrs. Marcus H. Marks, Mrs. Charles J. Oppenheim, Mrs. Nathaniel Schermerhorn, Jane Norman Smith, and Mrs. John Jay White.

HELP THE AMENDMENT

At this Convention we desire very much to be able to announce the names of many contributors to the One-Dollar-Fund, started recently by a Founder, to help win the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment.

Several methods of giving make it possible for *every member* to help.

You may give One Dollar a year
One Dollar a month ($12 a year)
One Dollar a week ($52 a year)
One Dollar a day ($365 a year)

In the measure that those of us who believe in the Equal Rights Amendment cooperate *now* in supporting this fund, the work ahead for the coming session of Congress will be given just that much renewed impetus. Will you be one of the first contributors to the Dollar-Fund? In every part of the country are women who need the results of the equality program. The world itself stands in need of it today.

Please do your best to contribute *at this time* to the Woman's Party program by becoming an Equal Rights Amendment Dollar-Fund contributor.

HELP COMPLETE CONGRESSIONAL POLL

Many of our subscribers will receive this issue immediately after election. Our members, especially responsible for the Equal Rights campaign in the various states, have been asked through letters, and through the columns of EQUAL RIGHTS, to see their candidates or to write them—in order to know their position and to win their support for the Equal Rights Amendment; and their promise to vote against all discriminatory legislation.

The moment the November third election is over, will those of you cooperating in our Congressional work notify us at once of election results in your districts, giving the following information:—State; City or Congressional District; Name of Representative elected; his or her stand on the Equal Rights Amendment; when made and to whom; also the Candidate's position on repealing Section 213, which discriminates against married women.

Please send this information to the Congressional Committee, National Woman's Party Headquarters, at once, letting us know the address of the sender.

Anita Pollitzer
Congressional Committee.

NATIONAL WOMAN'S PARTY

Founded 1913

Object

To secure for women complete equality with men under the law and in all human relationships, and in particular to secure the adoption of the Equal Rights Amendment to the National Constitution and the Equal Rights Treaty.

The Lucretia Mott Amendment

"Men and women shall have Equal Rights throughout the United States and every place subject to its jurisdiction."

"Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

Introduced, Senate—By Senator Townsend, Del., Jan. 4, 1935 (Senate Joint Resolution No. 1.)

House—By Rep. Ludlow, Ind., Jan. 3, 1935. (House Joint Resolution No. 1.)

Present Status—Senate—Before Judiciary Committee. House—Before Judiciary Committee.

The Equal Rights Treaty

Article 1

"The contracting States agree that upon the ratification of this treaty men and women shall have equal rights throughout the territory subject to their respective jurisdictions."

Signed—By the Governments of Cuba, Ecuador, Paraguay, and Uruguay at Montevideo, December, 1933.

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INFORMATION FROM GENEVA

From Lola Maverick Lloyd, Chairman, and Lillian von Matsch, Propaganda Chairman, on behalf of the Committee of Representatives of Women's International Organizations, Created in Accordance with a Resolution of the Council of the League of Nations.

Geneva, Switzerland,
October 12th, 1936.

The League Assembly agreed at its closing session on October 10th to consider the question of placing equal rights for women in the League Covenant. This question, together with the whole subject of the status of women, was placed on the agenda of the next Assembly in response to a request from 15 Delegations. The proposal to place equality for women in the Covenant had been submitted to the Assembly by the Committee of Representatives of Women's International Organizations (usually called the Women's Consultative Committee). As a result of the Assembly's action the League has officially before it, for consideration and study, a definite program drawn up by women with regard to the revision of the Covenant in addition to the proposals for revision submitted by different Governments.

The request from the 15 Delegations which led to the Assembly's action was embodied in a letter to the President of the Assembly, as follows:

"The President of the Seventeenth Session of the Assembly,
"His Excellency, M. Saavedra Lamas,
"Your Excellency,

"The following Delegations have noted the communication regarding the status of women addressed to the Assembly by the Women's Consultative Committee as reported in the League Journal of October 1st. We consider that in the present crisis in human affairs it is important that the League of Nations encourage the cooperation of all elements not now fully represented among us, and we therefore deem it wise for the League to consider the wishes of international groups of women as of all other groups.

"Since the Bureau has not found it possible to consider at this session the communication from the Women's Consultative Committee, the following Delegations beg to request that the subject of this communication together with the question of the whole status of women, be included on the agenda of the next regular session of the Assembly.

"We have the honour to be, Sir,
"Your obedient servants,

(Signed) "Stephan Osusky (Czechoslovakia)
"V. K. Wellington Koo (China)
"A. Kampe (Latvia)
"N. Sadak (Turkey)
"W. J. Jordan (New Zealand)
"Constantin Mayard (Haiti)
"G. De Blank (Cuba)
"F. Aslani (Albania)
"R. Holsti (Finland)
"G. Turbay (Colombia)
"Alexandra Kollontai (URSS)
"A. Costa Du Rels (Bolivia)
"G. Zaldumbide (Ecuador)
"I. Soubbotitch (Yugoslavia)
"N. Momtchiloff (Bulgaria)"

The above letter was read to the Assembly by the President. The Secretary General was thereupon instructed to take the necessary steps to comply with the request contained in the communication.

The recommendation from the Women's Consultative Committee, which was thus placed upon the agenda of the next Assembly, was as follows:

"Our Committee recommends that the following provisions be added to the Covenant in order that the interests of women may be better protected under the League and that the League may more truly serve all the people of the World:

"1. The Members of the League undertake that in their respective countries there shall be no distinction based on sex in their law and practice regarding nationality.

"2. The Members of the League undertake that in their respective countries the right to vote shall not be denied or abridged on the ground of sex.

"3. The Members of the League undertake that in their respective countries men and women shall have equal rights in all other fields.

"4. The Members of the League undertake that men and women shall both be members, with full voting powers, of all delegations to the Council and Assembly of the League and to all Conferences under the auspices of the League."

This recommendation was signed by representatives of the five member organizations of the Women's Consultative Committee, as follows:

International Council of Women
per Louise C. A. van Eeghen (Holland)
Renee Girod (Switzerland)

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
per Madeleine G. Doty (U. S. A.)
Ellen Horup (Denmark)
Lola Maverick Lloyd (U. S. A.)
Eugenie M. Meller (Hungary)

Inter American Commission of Women
per Abby Scott Baker (U. S. A.)
Leonor Cespedes (Colombia)
Alice Paul (U. S. A.)

Equal Rights International
per Juanita Frances (England)
Helene Granitsch (Austria)
Linda P. Littlepohn (Australia)
Lillian von Matsch (Austria)

All Asian Conference of Women
per Rosa Welt Straus (Palestine).

The equality campaign during the Assembly was conducted under the direction of Mrs. Lola Maverick Lloyd, Chairman of the Consultative Committee for the current year. Others who assisted, in addition to those who signed the Committee's communication to the Assembly, were: Frau Rosa Feri (Austria), Mme. J. Graizier (Switzerland), Fraulein Lida Gustava Heyman (Germany), Mme. Imhof (Switzerland), Melle. Nelly Killisch (Switzerland), Mme. Kretchmar (Switzerland), Melle. Gertrude Lieben (England), Miss Maris de Regel (Switzerland).

REQUEST FROM A GOVERNMENT FOR CONSIDERATION OF EQUALITY TREATY

In the August 15 issue of EQUAL RIGHTS, the major portions of an information bulletin from Geneva were printed. The paragraph under the heading "Request From A Government For Consideration Of Equality Treaty" (Aug. 15, 1936, page 3, left column) should have read:

Upon the close of the Conference *Mr. de Leon of Venezuela* wrote to the Director of the International Labor Office:

"Geneva, June 27, 1936.

"Mr. Harold Butler, Director, International Labor Office.

"Sir:

"Since it was found impossible to arrange for a discussion of the question of reconciling the I. L. O. Treaties dealing with the employment of women and the Equality Treaty for women signed at Montevideo, as requested by twenty-three members of the Conference in the attached memorandum, I have the honor to request, *on behalf of my Government*, that this subject be brought before the proper body of the I. L. O. at the earliest possible moment.

"We believe that the I. L. O. should concern itself with justice to women workers as well as to men workers and we desire that an opportunity be given for discussion of this subject on which there seems to be a widespread concern."

"I have the honor to be, Sir,

"Your obedient servant,

(Signed) "CARLOS LEON,

"Chief Venezuelan Delegate to the I. L. O. Conference."

THE ALVA BELMONT TEA HOUSE

I like to remind our members who go to Washington, D. C., of the admirable Tea Room at our Headquarters where breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner are served daily.

Florence Bayard Hilles,
National Chairman, National Woman's Party.

STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, CIRCULATION, ETC., REQUIRED BY THE ACT OF CONGRESS OF MARCH 3, 1933.

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District of Columbia: ss.

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EMILY PERRY, Editor.

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HARRY M. COHEN, Notary Public.
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